Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have decided to seek assistance from World Bank and other International Institutions for tourism development projects;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government are also planning to take the assistance of experts for preparing tourism development projects; and

(d) if so, the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI SRIKANTA JANA):(a) and (b) The Department of Tourism seeks assistance from International institutions for tourism development projects in co-ordination with Department of Economic Affairs for the projects posed by the State Governments as and when such proposal are invited by Department of Economic Affairs. This year the following projects have been posed before Overseas Economic Cooperation Fund:

1. Ajanta Ellora Conservation and Tourism Development Project (Phase-II).

2. Infrastructure Development for Eco Tourism and Cultural Exchange in Orissa.

3. Integrated Development of Hampi - A World Heritage Centre.

4. Thenmala (Kerala) Eco-Tourism Development Project.

(c) and (d) Experts can be associated for preparing tourism development projects, as per need and fund availability.

The Sustainable Tourism Development Study Project of the Andaman Islands was sponsored by World Tourism Organisation and funded by UNDP.

[English]

Neglect of Burzohoma

900. KUMARI SUSHILA TIRIYA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Burzohoma - the only neolithic site in Jammu and Kashmir is on the verge of complete demolition;

(b) if so, the reasons thereof;

(c) whether Archaeological Survey of India has not fenced the area for the last 31 years; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI S.R.BOMMAI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Question does not arise.

(c) and (d) The protected area could not be fenced as some portion of the land was meant for cattle grazing.

Per Capita Availability of Water

901. SHRI N.N. KRISHANDAS: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to a survey conducted by Tata Energy Research Institute (TERI) which observed that during the last 50 years the renewable fresh water resources per capita have reduced from around 6,000 cubic metres per year to 2,300;

(b) whether the Government are also aware that TERI estimated that by the year 2017, India would be water stressed, as per capita availability would be reduced to 1600 cubic metres per year; and

(c) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI SIS RAM OLA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) As per assessment made by the Central Water Commission, the total annual renewable fresh water available in India is 1869 billion cubic metres and the per capita water availability for different years are as under:

Year	Per capita water availability (in cubic metres)
1991	2213
1996	2000
2000	1875
2016	1479

Thus, there is a decreasing trend in the per capita water availability due to increase in population and rapid growth in urbanisation and industrialisation. Keeping in view the future needs of water, the Government has taken various policy and programme initiatives. These include adoption of National Water Policy (1987), preparation of National Perspectives for transfer of water from surplus basins to water deficit areas, promotion of efficient and economic use of water for various purposes, emphasis on water conservation through various methods including use of latest technologies, peoples' participation in management of water for diverse uses and launching of Accelerated Irrigation Benefits Programme since 1996-97 for expeditious completion of selected on-going major and medium irrigation and multipurpose projects.

Educational Litigations

902. SHRI RUPCHAND PAL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the news-item captioned 'Education officials spend

most of time of litigations' appearing in the Pioneer dated October 7, 1997;

(b) if so,the facts of the matter reported therein; and

(c) the steps, the Government propose to take to mitigate the problem?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The matter is being looked into and a detailed response will be laid on the Table of the House.

Schemes for Development of Education in Chandigarh

903. SHRI SATYA PAL JAIN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether certain schemes were chalked out for the improvement and development of education and educational institutions in the Union Territory Chandigarh for 1995-96, 1996-97 and 1997-98;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the quantum of mony allocated to each one of them and the amount actually spent therefrom; and

(d) the quantum of money which remained unutilised during the said period and the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKAI): (a) to (d) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

[Translation]

Etectronic Exchanges in U.P.

904. SHRI BACHI SINGH RAWAT 'BACHDA':

SHRI DHARMABHIKSHAM:

SHRI ANANTH KUMAR:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Electronic and manual telephone exchanges in the country, State-wise;

(b) the number of telephone exchanges converted into electronic exchanges during the last three years, State-wise;

(c) the number of new electronic exchanges set up during the last three years, State-wise; and

(d) the number of exchanges proposed to be converted into electronic during the current financial year?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BENI PRASAD VARMA): (a) I. As on 31.10.97, 22508 electronic telephone exchanges are functioning in the country. Statewise details given in statement.

II. There is no manual telephone exchange functioning in the country.

(b) 2316 telephone exchanges have been converted into electronic exchanges during the last three years (1994-95, 1995-96, 1996-97). Statewise details are given in the statement enclosed.

(c) 3259 new electronic telephone exchanges have been set up during the last three years (1994-95, 1995-96, 1996-97). State-wise details are given in the statement enclosed.

(d) 205 telephone exchanges are proposed to be converted into electronic exchanges during the current financial year.

Statement

Sl. No.	Name of State	No. of electronic exchanges as on 31.10.97	No. of Manual exchs. as on 31.10.97	No. of telephone exchs. converted into electronic exchs. during last 3 years	No. of electronic exchs. set up during last three years
1	2	3	4	5	6
1.	A.P.	1957	NIL	640	58
2.	Assam	299	NIL	4	33
3.	Arunachal Pradesh	65	NIL	NIL	20
4.	Bihar	827	NIL	13	83
5.	Gujarat	1395	NIL	166	161